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## BELIEVES U.K. CAN'T GET WHEAT BELOW PACT PRICES

### WILL BE AS GOOD AS ANY EXPORTERS'

In British Market - View of Minister of Trade Given in Commons

### CATTLE MARKET ACTIVE

#### Whole Course of Canada's Foreign Trade Reviewed in House of Commons

Speaking in the Commons on Monday, Trade Minister Howe expressed the opinion that the UK cannot expect to get any wheat cheaper than it could have done under the IWA. He believed Canada was in as good a position as any country to get a good share of that market. He announced initial payments of \$1.40 for One Northern, and \$1.50 for Durum wheat; 96 cents for 3CW six-row barley; 65 cents for 2CW oats. Increase in initial wheat payments in July when all factors are known was considered possible.

### By M. McDOUGALL, Press Gallery Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, April 29th. — Whether present prices in the U.S. markets are "export" prices or not (and the markets seem to be about balanced as far as prices are concerned), the present market for cattle in Canada is

ent market for cattle in Canada is quite active.

Last week's sales of 23,700 head were the highest this year so far, and prices were up 50 cents under "good steady demand". Transborder trade in cattle has been negligible, the only sales reported being comparatively small ones in the West, some going North and some South. In total they did not amount to over 10 carloads, it is stated. Any marked trend remains to be disclosed in the trend remains to be disclosed in the future. For the present the Canadian market shows a considerable power of absorption.

The whole course of overseas trade The whole course of overseas trade came under review in the house of commons when estimates of the trade and commerce department were before the house. As this session now drawing to a close is in all probability the last of this 21st parliament, debates are becoming fairly sharply "edged".

### Competition in U.K. Market

It was pointed out that the value of food products shipped in Britain of food products shipped in Britain in 1952 was at an all-time high for any peacetime year. In relation to specific commodities, it was stated that to sell bacon or other meat products in the United Kingdom, Canadian farmers would have to meet prices from supplies in Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Denmark and Holland. In the case of bacon, this would be \$30.32 per hundred pounds f.o.b. Denmark or Holland, as compared with the present Canadian price of \$36 f.o.b. Canadian seaboard. These comparative prices prohibit sales at this time from Canada. In the case

CANADA'S POSITION "Monty" Congratulates Canada on All-Weather Jet Plane



While disappointing newspapermen during his visit to North America by his refusal to discuss any subject which might have political implications, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, deputy commander at SHAPE under General Mathew Ridgway, spoke with enthusiasm at Malton airport of the performance of the Canadian-designed all-weather jet fighter C-100 Canuck. Here he is seen expressing his congratulations, after watching Test Pilot Jan Zurabowski put the plane through its

to Sir Roy Dobson (left), chairman of Avro, paces, to Sir Roy Dobson (lett), cnairman of Avro, Canada, and Crawford Gordon, Jr., president. There are reports that NATO wants the fighter, and Ridgway is said to have asked for several hundreds of the Mark IV rocket-firing CF-100, which will be in production in August. Monty had previously surprised reporters before landing at New York by interviewing them, and declaring the political guestions were the affair of diplomats. ing that political questions were the affair of diplomats, not of soldiers.

ronounced.
Top quality New Zealand beef costs

the United Kingdom importer 14.5 cents f.o.b. New Zealand ports. The Argentina top quality is 19 cents, Argentina top quality is 19 cents, while the present Canadian price is 37 cents f.o.b. Canadian seaboard. In spite, however, of the distressing conditions brought about by the foot-

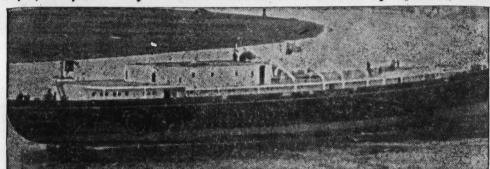
of beef the difference is still more and-mouth disease, Canada exported animal and animal products to all foreign markets in 1952 a total of million pounds.
Very Important for Canada

A question of great importance to Canada is how to help create a situation which will mean a great volume of trade between the United Kingdom

Condemn MacArthur's Plan

LONDON, Eng. — General Mac-Arthur's proposal that the Peking gov-ernment should be advised that its key centres will be bombed unless it agrees to Western demands is con-demned by the British press from the Conservative Times to the Labor Daily Herald, as unwise and unfortunate.

### New \$6,000,000 Royal Yacht Britannia Launched by Queen Elizabeth



In a ceremony which was made the occasion of a public holiday in Glasgow, Scotland, Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, recently launched the royal yacht Britannia, which is seen lying proudly in the Clyde immediately after the event. The Britannia cost \$6,000,000. She is 413 feet long, and is

powered by steam turbines which will speed her 5,000 tons through the water at 21 knots. The "floating" palace can be converted into a hospital ship. She succeeds the 5,000-ton Victoria and Albert, used by four previous monarchs, Victoria, Edward VII, George V and George VI.

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### Should Our Farmers Be Isolated by "Free Market" in Organized World?

■ Book Review by LEONARD D. NESBITT

N the book "The Canadian Grain Trade", by Dr. D. A. Mac-Gibbon, considerable space is devoted to the history of grain marketing in Western Canada and to possible future trends. Dr. MacGibbon was for many years a member of the Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada. Previous to that he was professor of economics at the University of Alberta.

### **Author's Conclusion**

The conclusion that the author reaches is that the main- tion. tenance of the Canadian wheat export trade on a sound basis requires wheat production in areas capable of growing wheat of high quality at relatively low cost and a sales policy of offering wheat at prices "as low as is consistent with the actual cost of production."

Dr. MacGibbon states that regard for these factors in the past largely accounts for the important position Canada now occupies in international wheat trading. It lies within Canada's own power to continue to be guided by this fact. International trade and economics, he says, have national characteristics, and for the characteristics, Canadian west the most propitious circumstances were the continuance of its export trade in cereals and those that make for the freest possible international exchange of goods and services'

### Would Abandon Agreements

Those words are almost a direct quotation from Dr. MacGibbon's book. What he believes in simple words is that the International Wheat Agreement should be abandoned as well as any other agreements between governments for the sale of wheat, that the unhampered operations of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange should be restored and that a measure of protection for wheat producers should be provided through the establish-ment of a modest floor price by the federal government.

Dr. MacGibbon maintains that the Dr. MacGibbon maintains that the present pattern of government buying and selling is not the most desirable form of international trading. Politically, he says, it represents a reversion to nationalism in trade, which is susceptible to being used for the purpose of promoting extreme protectionism. Technically, it is slow, erratic and inconvenient. He maintains that the open market exerts a tains that the open market exerts a powerful influence in determining the tains that the open market exerts a powerful influence in determining the best utilization of agricultural land. It may be true that a free market best utilization of agricultural land. It may be true that a free market is a wonderful system in many respects because it reflects widespread opinion of current buyers. But busiall sorts of interested pressures and ness, professional and labor groups considerations to enter into the detershum free markets as the devil does

mination of the level at which prices are established, with the inevitable result in the long run of overproduc-

#### Unlikely to Impress Farmers

The opinions expressed by Dr. MacGibbon are a rehash of views put forward by the supporters of the speculative system of market-ing grain for over half a century. ing grain for over half a century. It is doubtful that western farmers will be greatly impressed, particularly those who went through the dellation of the early 1920's, when the price of wheat dropped by \$1.92 a bushel in a three-year period. Then, in the depression in the early 1930's, a simipression in the early 1300s, a simi-lar disastrous price decline occur-red, so that in 1932, when Alberta produced 164 million bushels of wheat, the average larm price was only 32 cents a bushel.

The whole trend of farmer thinking over the past generation or longer has been towards the idea of some stability in the price of their main product. The great majority of them believe that this cannot be provided by the open market.

The Wheat Board's operations since The Wheat Board's operations since the end of the war have, for the most part, been satisfactory to the farm people. Prices have not been at the peak, it's true, but neither have they declined to dismal-levels. There, has been an agricultural stability never before experienced in Western Canada. There have been no speculation losses from gambling in grain futures. Producers have not in grain futures. Producers have not had to worry about the proper time to sell their grain. They have not been accused of "holding up" their overseas customers.

#### Produced Favorable Reaction

The operations of the Wheat Board in handling the damaged crop of 1950 and the worst damaged huge crop production of 1951 have had a most favorable reaction from the farm people. In those two years, over 200 million bushels of feed wheat, grain that could not be hedged on the exchanges, were merchandised by the Board to the advantage of the producer. This resulted in the price level, not only of wheat but also oats and barley, being maintained at a figure market experts consider would not have been possible under the open market system.

holy water. Each group wants as high protection as it possibly could achieve. Under such a condition it is hardly fair to expect the farmer to be enthralled by a free market system which will provide him with no price security but allow him only a mar-keting device under which prices vary from minute to minute, from hour to hour, from day to day and from month to month.

### All Have Worked With Fair Success

Critics of the Wheat Board's methods said it wouldn't work. They said the same thing of the British Wheat Agreement and the International Wheat Agreement. Somehow or other these have all worked fairly successfully over the past eight years. fully over the past eight years. Can-ada has been able to dispose of huge quantities of grain and the price range has certainly not been too high and there has been no experience of "boom and bust" which is character-istic of the open market. Most farmers realize that price levels are not permanent, but the International Wheat Agreement provides for a wide swing between the floor and the ceilswing between the noor and the ceing. What does concern farmers at the present time is the rigidity of the price structure in other factors of the national economy and continually increasing prices of goods and services they must buy.

"The Canadian Grain Trade, 1931-1951," by D. A. MacGibbon, University of Toronto Press, \$4.50.

### Award for "Guinea Pig"



Taking heroic risks for the advancement of medical science, Dr. Lloyd T. Koritz of Rochelle, Ill., submitted as a "human guinea pig" at the University of Illinois to respiration-paralyzing drugs, hung unconscious from a telephone pole, and lived on a diet of raw liver every day for one month. raw liver every day for one month. In recognition he has been granted the Walter Reed Society Award. Dr. Koritz, who appears normal and healthy in the picture in spite of his gruelling and risky experience, is 26 years of age. He is now an intern at Chicago. Chicago.

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### FUA Holds Successful Leadership Course

MRS MARJORIE K. STILES, Didsbury

T the recent course held at the Olds School of Agriculture the Farmers' Union introduced a unique system of training their members in the art of good leadership.

The committee in charge of the program at the school were H. G. Young, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. Hawold and Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, who are all on the executive of the F.W.U.A. and

There were about one hun-ity interests" was about the right size dred and forty "pupils" from for a local. all parts of the province. "Future Possibilities" Among their numbers were Mrs. S. Simpson, Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. Lee from Bluesky; Mr. and Mrs. Pharis from Magrath in the extreme south; the Alberts from the east of the province - in fact, Mr. Young said the selection of candidates had been made so that all F.U.A. districts in the province were represented. I understand that Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Harrold did most of the spade work in making the preliminary arrangements.

#### Features of Program

The program consisted of inspirational talks given by outstanding farm leaders and talks on the rudiments of good leadership given by the staff from the Department of Extension at from the Department of Extension at the University, and classroom studies, which consisted of a course in public speaking, learning the duties of executives such as president, committees, members, etc. This part of the course was taught in small groups by the F.W.U.A. executives and the lecturers from the Department of Extension. The participants agreed that there wasn't a wasted moment and there wasn't a dull moment in the entire three day course.

Archie Hogg, High River, commenced his talk on "How to Conduct a Canvass," by requesting a moment's silence "for those thousands of farmers who have never joined the farm organizations." Mr. Hogg said he believed the membership of the F.U.A. seen the Director in Cooperatives. Both he and Mr. Kapler stressed the need for a better informed clientele. S. Hillerud, who has been the Director in charge of evolution at the University, on Rural Leadership; A. B. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood stressed the need of farmers being good business men. "In planning for the future, I know of no better way than using the 'Lamp of Experience' which has lighted us in the past," he said.

Outlines History of Poultry Marketing K. Kapler, Strome, outlined the history of the poultry marketing Board, similar to the Wheat Board. Len Nesbitt covered the field of Cooperatives. Both he and Mr. Kapler stressed the need for a better informed clientele. S. Hillerud, who has been the Director in Charge of the University, on Rural Leadership; A. B. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood on the

could be raised between seventy-five and ninety per cent through effective

local canvasses.

#### Tact and Diplomacy

"But, you must choose a good leader," he warned, "set a date to start, and stop the canvass and abide by those dates. Select convassers who have tact and diplomacy in approaching prospective members, people who are acquainted with the interests of the person being interviewed. Remember the group picture. Whom do you look for first? Yourself, of course! It is the same with a person being canvassed."

Terence Oldford described how his local at Red Deer maintains the interest of members and is an effective spoke in the community wheel. Miss who have tact and diplomacy in approaching prospective members,

spoke in the community wheel. Miss Mable Rasmussen told how to keep

the young folks interested, at an evening session.

Mr. Young spoke on F.U.A. Policy at one meeting, while he gave suggestions for setting up a local at another. He found locals in the country maintained interest better. maintained interest better. He sug-gested an area of "similar commun-He sug-

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A lively hour was spent discussing "Future Possibilities of Our Organization." Carl Stimpfle headed a panel assisted by Mrs. W. C. Taylor and tion." assisted by Mrs. W. C. Taylor and Mrs. C. T. Armstrong of the F.W.U.A. Executive, G. Roth and E. Scott, both of Red Deer. Each member of the panel presented his ideas on the subject, following which a spirited de-bate from the floor took place. Ideas bate from the floor took place. Ideas ranged all the way from curtailing the lengthy list of resolutions at the annual convention down to about a dozen of universal importance; to redozen of universal importance; to re-vamping policy so that it would not be diametrically opposed to govern-ment policy; to providing income tax service for members through central

The program included talks from such prominent leaders as L. E. Pharis, Magrath, speaking on the Federation of Agriculture; Donald Cameron, Magrath, speaking on the Federation of Agriculture; Donald Cameron, Director of the Department of Extension of the University, on Rural Leadership; A. B. Wood on the History of the Farm Movement. In discussing present day problems, Mr. Wood stressed the need of farmers being good business men. "In planning for the future, I know of no better way than using the 'Lamp of Experience' which has lighted us in the past," he said.

has been the Director in charge of the Youth Leadership Courses at the Banff School of Fine Arts, said, from conclusions reached after he had made a survey in the Beaverlodge and Sangudo districts, he was convinced that not more than three per cent of the farm population in Alberta PAR-TICIPATE REGULARLY in ANY group activity.

Parliamentary procedure, is necessary he said, in dealing with large groups, he advised the organization to select, and keep on hand for immediate reference a book of rules, such as Roberts' Parliamentary Procedure. However, in dealing with cedure. However, in dealing with groups under twenty, he liked the ingroups under twenty, he liked the informal procedure, when the words the was agreed" could be written into the minutes. G. R. S. Hawkins, late of England, but currently lecturing for the Department of Extension, spoke on Britain in a Changing World and at another lecture explained the art of Group Discussion. J. E. Hart, At-torney Generals' Department, discussed laws of interest to farmers.

### Practical and Intensive Course

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The lecturers from the Department
of Extension, Messrs. S. Hillerud, D.
Campbell, E. W. Cormack, G. R. 'S.
Hawkins, assisted by Fleldmen from
the Co-ops, including Ed Ness, Doug
Thornton, W. W. Wagler, W. Scarth
and the Executive of the F.W.U.A.
gave a very practical and intensive
course in the mechanics of conducting
meetings and in public speaking in
groups of ten or twelve. Duties of
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### IMPLIED TRIBUTE TO WHEAT BOARD

Addressing the House of Commons on Monday, Minister of Trade and Commerce C. D. Howe is reported to have said that while there was "a lot of wheat in the world," the surpluses were in the hands of governments, which would make certain that wheat is not dumped on world markets at "fire sale prices".

This was in effect an expression of confidence, from a very high source, in the marketing policy which in this country finds expression through the Canadian Wheat Board.

The fact that Mr. Howe felt able to express the hope that "when all the factors are known, as they will be toward the end of July, it may be possible to increase the initial payment for wheat to some extent," was another indica-tion of his belief that the abstention of the United Kingdom from the International Wheat Agreement will not gravely affect marketing of Canada's supplies.

More enigmatic was the Minister's statement: "The one thing I am sure of is that the decision not to sign was not based on an expected saving in dollars."

In a previous speech (on April 20th) Mr. Howe had said: "I am confident that the United Kingdom shares our belief in the underlying purposes of the wheat agreement. Their declarations on this point and their agreement with the recommended price of \$1.55 are evidence of that belief. I hope that they will join the rest of us by agreement to just a little less protection at the ceiling than they have tried to get."

The Minister now states that Britain could have signed the agreement and still saved a cent a bushel, because the ceiling price of \$2.05 in the new agreement includes the carrying charge, whereas the present agreement, which expires at the end of July, carries a six-cent carrying charge. If all member countries had agreed to a maximum figure of \$2.00, he believes, importers might have been called upon to pay such a charge under the terms of a new agreement.

### A VALUABLE SUBMISSION

As a body representing the organized farmers of the Dominion, East and West, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture misses no opportunity to bring before governing authorities the views of the agricultural community upon economic policy. In doing so it renders a service whose value it would be difficult to overestimate.

Recently the Federation made a comprehensive presentation to the standing committee of the Senate on Canadian Trade Relations, dealing with the development of collaboration between the signatories of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The presentation covers a wide range, devoting much attention to the "dollar" problem — in relation to international trade — a problem which is of especial concern to the farmers of the Prairie Provinces, though the whole of Canada is involved.

It is pointed out that U.S. and Canadian defence expenditures are likely soon to decline. When that happens, "unless the central problem of dollar deficits in international balances is solved, the world could very well be plunged into a shrinkage of trade as bad as that experienced from 1929 to 1933.

"This problem could undoubtedly be solved by European and other countries in payment difficulties simply intensifying their restrictive

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-ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

practices against the imports of goods from the dollar area. By this means a kind of balance would be reached and maintained. In fact, if nothing is done, that is likely what will happen, but such a solution would result in stagnation in the dollar areas of the world and a low level of subsistence in the remainder of the free world."

world."

Unless the non-dollar countries are able to increase their earnings of U.S. dollars . . . "a vicious spiral of world-wide deflation would set in, just as it did in 1929, when the inability of Europe to service its war debts in U.S. dollars was one of the major factors, initiating the world-wide depression."

With the means of forestalling such a disaster pro-

With the means of forestalling such a disaster pro-posed by the Federation, it is not possible at this time time to deal at length. They include the simplifying and lowering of tariffs, and plans for an international

As a means of removing future conflicts in policies with respect to international trade in farm products," it is urged that "the nations of farm products," it is urged that "the nations of the world should again actively explore the possibilities of establishing some international agency on a world-wide multilateral basis" which would shoulder the task of distributing periodic agricultural surpluses . . . "so as to cause the minimum of disruption to world trade in these products."

### "MONTY" IN SEARCH OF A BALL GAME

In the United Kingdom soldiers are expected to be soldiers, and to leave political issues to the elected representatives of the people.

Respect for this tradition was shown by Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, deputy chief of SHAPE, when he neared the shores of the United States recently to start a tour of military establishments in the republic and in Canada.

and in Canada.

The Field Marshal bounded into the presence of reporters who had boarded the Queen Mary at Ambrose Light with the sentence, "What are you gentlemen going to tell me?" When the reporters turn for questioning came, "Monty" implied that the main thing was to see a baseball game and track down a drug store, as he'd not had an opportunity to study this famous institution on a previous visit

institution on a previous visit.

The newsmen tried various involved questions about war, the Russians, the Atlantic Alliance, and Vishinsky, who was also aboard the Queen Mary.

Then, writes Alistair Cooke, Washington correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, Lord Montgomery came in for the kill.

dent of the Manchester Guardian, Lord Montgomery came in for the kill:

"Ask the political people. We soldiers don't make war. War is a continuation of diplomacy. When they can't do any more they ask the soldiers to get on with it. You must ask the political chiefs, not the military chiefs, about that."

Mr. Cooke comments: "In a country which had only lately recovered from extra month, public investigation."

lately recovered from a two-month public investigation into the political convictions of an ousted general... this was a subversive doctrine aimed at the very foundations of the republic..., It's the sort of thing that sould smother the freedom of the press and then lead to anarchy --- or worse.'

### Vancouver Labor P

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary A.F.A.

The operators of the strike-bound grain terminals at the west coast have recently expressed, through public advertisement, their continued desire to reach a fair settlement with the grain workers. As a medium to reach an equitable settlement they are prepared to submit their case to a judge of the supreme court of one of the provinces of Canada for ruling. They are prepared to abide by the judge's decision, providing the employees will accept the same decision and will return to work while the case is being heard.

**Endorsed by Convention** 

It is interesting to note that major points: this type of procedure was recommended and endorsed by resolution at our A.F.A. annual meeting. It was also supported in principle by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. The Federation, in supporting such a resolution, took the stand that some legal process must be used to settle labor disputes so that innocent third parties would not suffer loss.

Repercussions Widespread

The third parties affected by labor tie-ups can be varied and many. In the case of work stoppages in grain the case of work stoppages in grain movement, the repercussions are widespread. Workers in transportation, both rail and ocean, are affected. It is even reported that oil wells producing the crude oil for bunker fuels are experiencing a cutback in deliveries. However, the serious aspect is the disruption of world trade and the handling of food produces. trade and the handling of food prod-ucts needed by consuming people in

many lands.
-The Federation has refrained from The Federation has refrained from taking active part in this dispute because it has felt that the stand of the operators has been fair. Furthermore, we have been in close touch with our member organizations concerned — the Alberta Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers. These farmerowned organizations have worked itselsely to settle this dispute keep. owned organizations have worked tirelessly to settle this dispute, keep-ing in mind the producers who ulti-mately pay for handling costs, and at the same time trying to keep their employees on a salary basis compar-able to other industries and in rela-

tion to living costs.

President Wires Prime Minister
When Prime Minister Louis St.
Laurent issued a statement to the
effect that the government might
take over operation of the terminals,
the deration, through its president,
Roy C. Marler, expressed concern over
such proposed action. A telegram to
the Prime Minister pointed out that
the stand taken by the operators was,
in our onlion, supported by the vast in our opinion, supported by the vast majority of prairie farmers and their organizations. It pointed out that because of lower farm prices, the cost of living had been reduced. This position did not warrant increases in wages demanded.

Any increased cost of services such as grain handling must ultimately be as grain handling must ultimately be borne by the producer. With farm income down 12% since 1951, and farm costs up 10% for the same period, the Federation does not see where there is justification for increase of wages and fringe benefits requested by the employees through their number.

their union.

In spite of this situation, the terminal operators are prepared to accept the ruling of the courts of this land as to what is a fair rate of pay and working conditions.

The Federation feels that our mem-

ber organizations and the other operators should be commended for their efforts to solve this dispute and for their broadmindedness in their offer to accept the decision of an inde-pendent judge. We believe Alberta farmers will support wholeheartedly

this stand.

The Federation's concern is on two

1. That the movement of grain be restored at the earliest possible mo-

ment;
2. That the settlement of the strike be on the basis of justice, and not just negotiated to reach a compro-

Some important statements re the Coast situation made by representatives of farmers' organizations in Alberta since Western Farm Leader last went to press are given in chronological order below:

Pool's Position Is Set Forth in Telegram to "P.M."

comprehensive telegram In a comprehensive telegram to Prime Minister St. Laurent, April 16th, after our last issue had gone to press, President Ben Plumer of the Alberta Wheat Pool set forth in detail the Pool's view of the dispute, indicating that the Pool received the support of that the Pool received the support of its members, who number 50,000; ad-vising that the Pool's vice-chairman, A. T. Baker, had spent 14 days at the coast assisting in preparing two pro-posals for settlement, one of which was drawn up in collaboration with a representative of the labor depart-ment, while Mr. Plumer had spent days assisting in preparing a third proposal.

#### Backing for Stand

Contents of a wire from President received no reply. The elevator com-Marler which backed up the position panies have intimated they would ac-taken by the companies, including the United Grain Growers and the Pool, are given in a separate item. The proposal of arbitration announced last week is to be found on the back page of this issue, while on this page ap-pears the call for arbitration by the F.U.A. Board.

In a press statement, April 17th, Mr. Plumer opposed acceptance of an of-fer to arbitrate the dispute made by President J. H. Phelps of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union. Mr. Plumer

declared:

"Mr. Phelps' position was prejudiced from the start because he was con-tacted by the head of the union early in the strike and from information we have on hand gave considerable support to the union's demands.

"Mr. Phelps must know that any increase in wages must be paid for by individual farmers. I would ask him if he would suggest that farm labor be paid at a starting price of \$1.50 an hour for a 40-hour week with

\$1.50 an hour for a 40-hour week with time and a half for overtime.

"If he is consistent, that should be his stand. The men at the terminal at Vancouver are just as much employees of the farmers as their hired men. I think Mr. Phelps' comments have only aggravated this problem rather than being of assistance in providing a solution."

Wire Gives Full Support

of Alberta Federation
In a telegram to Prime Minister St.
Laurent dated April 17th, just after
the last issue of The Western Farm
Leader went to press, President Roy
C. Marler of the Alberta Federation
of Agriculture stated:

"Concerned over your statement possible Government eperation of Vancouver elevators. With facts be-fore them, am confident members of fore them, am confident members of 54 farmer groups of Alberta Federa-tion of Agriculture, including Farmers' Union of Alberta, support position taken by grain companies, consider average yearly wages \$3,960 Van-couver much higher than that of either farmer or farm worker. Shorter either farmer or farm worker. Shorter hours, fewer days of work. Demands of employees not justified on basis economy, cost of living, other employment. No protests or complaints from farmers received by Federation at Edmonton. Membership Alberta Wheat Pool 50,000, United Grain Growers in prairie provinces 48,000, Alberta Federation 65,000, prairie section Canadian Federation of Agriculture 260,000 actual farmers. These farm organizations are supporting com-260,000 actual farmers. These farm organizations are supporting companies' position. DBS February 10th, 1953, net income of farm operators drop 12 per cent from 1951. Ten per cent rise in farm operating cost. DBS March 18th, 1953, labor income all-time peak, 12 per cent over 1951. DBS February 5th, 1953, cost of living down 7.1 points from January 2nd, 1952 to same date, 1953."

### F.U.A. Board Unanimous Favor Arbitration

Position of the Directors of the Farmers' Union of Alberta on arbitra-tion of the dispute at the coast were tion of the dispute at the coast were set forth in the following statement issued by President Henry G. Young, following a special meeting of the Board held on April 23rd:

"At a special meeting of the F.U.A. Board held on Thursday, April 23rd, at which representation of the Wheat Pool and United Grain Growers were

present, the serious situation arising out of the Vancouver strike was dis-

cussed.
"The Board decided unanimously to ask both sides in the dispute to sub-mit all differences to arbitration by mit all differences to arbitration by a judge of the Supreme Court, to be appointed by the Federal Government, and to agree in advance to accept his decision.

"The Farmers' Union of Alberta has communicated this request to the Grain Handlers' Union but so far have received no reply. The elevator com-

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"This plan appears to us to be the lly way out of the present impasse. If it is adopted, the men could go back to work immediately on the basis of the old contract and any changes made by the arbitrator would be made retroactive."

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FLAXSEED PRODUCTION UP

WASHINGTON, D.C.—World production of flaxseed in 1952 is now estimated at 134.6 million bushels — highest since 1949, announces the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

A French chemical company has been experimenting in the making of a new synthetic fibre from castor oil.



## **Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section**

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## Egg and Poultry Premises at Red

A Letter from the General Manager

there was a picture of the occasion of our President turning the first sod on the building which will provide facilities for an egg station and some additional rooms for our Red Deer poultry plant.

We believe some of our members would be in 1945, when we built the first interested in having the details of the history of our produce business as carried on here at Red Deer.

Our egg department at the Red Deer plant be set up, namely the killing started back in 1942. The location was one candling bench in the corner of a cold storage room in station. We had expected that the basement of the condensery.

### **Never Had Permanent Location**

Whilst the size of our egg business has grown ness in Red Deer had com-100 to 200 times over since its beginning we, up to this time, have never had a permanent location for that department. Continuously, from the start to the present date, the egg department is operated on borrowed premises in our condens- facilities which are necessary ery building.

This as you can understand, is not suitable later date. Actually, we just for a business the size of our egg department at Red Deer, for among other things we have not to do anything in 1952.

It's an Important Date!

# Central Alberta Dairy Pool

### ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, June 16th PLACE: Red Deer

Book the date, and watch your Western Farm Leader for further particulars

yet provided suitable facilities for any part of our egg business. This includes the receiving facili-N the last issue of The Western Farm Leader ties, a proper room for the empty egg cases, convenience for shippers in the matter of bringing the eggs in and getting their empty cases back, and also the operation itself, as it concerns the actual candling and the handling of the eggs.

**Prudence Decided Course** 

unit of our poultry plant, to put up the egg station at that time. However, we felt that it was completed in time to take care imprudent to put up the two of this coming year-end rush units at once, so we put on poultry handling.
up the one that had to A New Depart unit, and deferred until a later the egg station would have been put up shortly after the first unit of the poultry plant.

Back in 1949, our egg busipletely outgrown its temporary premises and at that time our Board did authorize erection of an egg station, and poultry for its member-However, the shortage of steel ship. and government regulations on were such that we were obliged to defer the erection until a got the clearance last October, and of course that was too late

### Now a Positive "Must"

Our correspondent in reporting the turning up of the first sod indicated that this was the first expansion project for 1953. Actually it is not an expansion program at all rather than the start on a building that has been overdue for approximately eight years, and if we are to stay in the egg and poultry business in Red Deer it is a positive must.

### \$30,000 Will Be Repaid

Fortunately, in this case, because there are some cold storage rooms in the building, the structure is being erected under the supervision of the Dominion Government, and under the Cold Storage Subsidy Act approximately \$30,000.00 of the building costs will be repaid us by the Dominion Gov-

In other words, proper cold storage facilities are subsidiz-

ed by the Dominion Govern-Actually we had hoped, back ment and our egg, poultry and cold storage plant at Red Deer is being built under that plan. We are hopeful that it can be

A New Department

In addition to providing the first permanent home for our egg station in Red Deer, we are able to provide in this building some additional space required for poultry killing and storing, and, a new department, poultry eviscerating. Eviscerated poultry is the new way to sell poultry, and it, too, is almost a positive requirement as long as our the organization is handling eggs

> Those of you who are going to come to our annual meeting, which is to be held in Red Deer this year on Tuesday, June 16th, will be able to inspect the premises in progress of erection.

ELLIS A. JOHNSTONE, General Manager

### Saves Piglets

BEAVERLODGE, Alta. — A "farrowing crate" in use at the Beaverlodge Experimental Station has been found experimental station has been found to reduce the number of piglets crushed to death during their first ten days from 12.2 per cent with the use of pens and guards to 2.4 per cent. Plans for the crate may be obtained from the Station, or from the nearest District Agriculturist.

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### This Holstein Holds Many World Championships



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"Wing's six lactation lifetime record is 148,034 lbs, of milk and 6,072 lbs fat (4,10%). She has records of 575, 849, 1219, 1214, and 1,000

lbs. fat, (4.10%). She has records of 575, 849. 1,219, 1,215, 1,214 and 1,000 lbs. fat, the first two on 2x and the remainder on 3x. She is classified as \*Excellent for conformation.

### Your Cream Test Vary?

66 AY, Mister, how come? My cream test is only 32 this week. It was 36 last. There's something wrong, somewhere?"

There sure is, my friend, and it's likely to be one of a hundred reasons why your test is jumping around - but before you start to cuss the creamery operator, let's consider a few of the wellknown causes of tests variation:

### Some Well-Known Causes

- 1. Speed at which the separator is turned.
- Temperature of the milk separated.
- 3. Rate at which milk is fed to the bowl.
- 4. Percentage of fat in the
- 5. Vibration of cream separator.
- Sediment in milk.
- Failure to properly wash the separator or failing to wash it after each use.
- 8. The amount of water or skim-milk used in flushing.

Skim-milk used in Ilushing.

Speed: The effect of the speed of the separator bowl on the per cent of fat in the cream is probably greater than any other cause. The higher the speed the greater the centrifugal force, and the more rapidly the skim-milk will leave the bowl. Thus, if the speed is increased, the capacity of the skim-milk outlet increases, which leaves less milk for the cream outlet; consequently a richer cream results. The correct speed is usually stamped on the handle of the machine by the manufacturer, and from this there should be no variation in operation.

Temperature of Milk: The best time.

Temperature of Milk: The best time to separate milk is immediately after it is drawn from the cow. When the

temperature of the air is cold, as in winter time, the milk cools very rapidly. If the milk is allowed to cool lower than 85 degrees-90 degrees F., it should be warmed before sep-F., it should be warmed before separating, therefore, avoiding considerable loss of fat in the skim-milk and variations of the richness of cream. Separating 100 lbs. 3.5 milk at 90 degrees F. you get practically 3.5 lbs. butterfat in the cream. Separating the same milk at 60 degrees F., less than 3 lbs. butterfat would result in the cream. the cream.

Rate at which milk is fed: The faster the milk enters the bowl of the separator, the less force is exerted on separator, the less force is exerted on any particular portion and the less butterfat in the cream. Difference in the rate of inflow may be affected by not fully opening the tap and not keeping the same amount of milk in the supply tank. To secure uniform tests, the tap should be opened fully and the supply tank kept full as long as practicable. The float tends to give a regular and uniform supply.

Per cent fat in the milk: High test-Per cent fat in the milk: High testing milk will separate higher testing
cream than low testing milk. The
quality of the milk varies according
to the individual cow, the breed, the
length of time since freshening,
change from dry to good pasture and
other factors.

other factors.

It may be that during the year a couple of cows freshen which give a comparatively low testing milk. The farmer in this case must expect lower testing milk or the state of testing milk on the average and con-sequently lower testing cream. However, as a rule this variation in a

large herd does not amount to a great deal, and since it is uncontrollable it does not offer a very great problem.

Vibration: Where a cream separator is not level and firmly bolted down on a solid foundation, the bowl is apt to vibrate or tremble. This will cause a re-mixing of cream and skim-milk and will result in both variation in cream test as well as a loss in fat.

Sediment in milk: Dirty milk and sour milk clogging the cream and milk outlets also cause a variation in cream tests as well as loss of butterfat in the skim-milk.

It, after checking the points outlined above, your score is 100 per cent, come in to your creamery and talk it over with the manager. C.A.D. Pool managers are practical men, and they are al-ways glad to help solve your cream production problems. You are always welcome at a C.A.D.P.

grass, it is possible to eradicate small patches with chemicals.

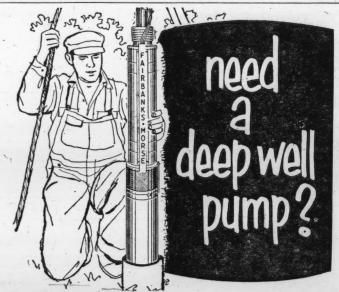
### Best Fire Extinguisher

The best type of fire extin-guisher for rural home-owners is dive-gallon, water pump tank, declared R. A. W. Switzer, Saskatchewan fire commissioner, recently. He urged that purchasers of fire extinguishers should make sure they bear the approval label of the Under-writers Laboratories Incorpor-

Vantage has been found a highly satisfactory barley variety at La-combe Experimental Farm, and is recommended for all Central Alberta soil zones.

### Useful Pamphlet

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Some of the "expenses" charged up to the Norfolk Southern Railway were maintenance of hotel suites and penthouse apartments for executives, at points far distant from the railroad; expense-free trips to the Kentucky Derby for the chief executives and their friends; trips via air and accommodation at resorts for the president of the railway, his family and friends. This was revealed in a recent report of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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LETHBRIDGE, Alta. - Variety tests conducted here over a period of years show Burbank and an early strain of Great Northern to be two of the best varieties of field beans for Southern

### **WORLD CHRONICLE**

Apr. 18th. - Eisenhower outlines conditions for world peace; says first step must be honorable armistice in Korea; calls for "global disarmanent"; proposes multi-billion dollar fund for world aid and reconstruction. UN command declares readiness to reon command deciares readilies to sume Korean armistice, suggests Switzerland as neutral country to take charge (in Korea) of prisoners who don't want repatriation. With minority of popular (white) vote, the Malan government

majority of seats, in South Africa. Buenos Aires re-ports opposition party headquarters burned down, fol-lowing bombing lowing bomoning at Peron rally last night.

April 17th. Churchill gives hearty support to Eisenhower peace plan; sees hope in changed attitude in Kremlin. Guards

YOSHIDA (See Apr. 19th)

in Yoncho prison camp, Korea, kill 4, wound 45, in putting down riot. Ottawa refuses extra compensation for service men who were prisoners of war in World War II. CIO President Reuther sees stock market drop which followed new peace prospects as indication that American financiers fear peace.

April 18th. - With unanimous approval, UN assembly sends message of hope for peace to warring armies in Korea. Charlie Chaplin announces intention of remaining away from U.S.

April 19th. - Moscow announces arrest of former police officials in Soviet state of Georgia, on charges of "framing" three other officials. JapMain Dollar Export

LONDON, Eng. — Whiskey; which has hitherto been the Un-Whiskey; Kingdom's most important dollar-earning export, has tallen back to second place in the tace of the competition of the Centurion tank, now at the head of the list. Dollar - earning exports, of course, are mainly exports to North America. A large volume of them is necessary to keep the sterling area solvent. Purchases of Centurion tanks from Britain by the United States, either for its own use, or "off-shore" for delivery to members of NATO, total some £30,000,000 to date. Tariff policies of U.S. and Can-

ada are among handicaps to

other exports.

anese hold elections; (later, pro-American Yoshida government gets less than half of seats).

April 20th. - Japanese firm buys Iranian oil in defiance of British ban. Queen moves to grant 30-day amnesty to prisoners in Canadian penitentaries and jails, to mark Coronation year. Exchange of sick and wounded prisoners begins at Panmunjom; UN men speak of "half-hearted" attempts at speak of "half-hearted" attempts at indoctrination, reasonably good treatment. Churchill warns against "chilling" of new wave of international good-will. U.S. Secretary of Treasury Humphrey says Korean truce or even full world peace won't bring depression to U.S.

April 21st. - In London, delegates from West Indies seek ways to federate, with Dominion status. Socialists win in Danish general election; coalition government to resign. trade with China increases British - non-

strategic goods only are sold.

April 22nd. — Second group of U.S. war prisoners, released in Panmunjom, tell of hardships endured in forced marches in 1951, state many died from starvation, callously abandoned. St. Laurent will visit Washington next month; Howe says he'll press for les-sening of trade restrictions. Malan prophecies future republic for South Africa. UN calls for withdrawal of Chinese Nationalists from Burma, Can-ada will ask top price of \$2.05 when IWA wheat sales begin next August,

Ottawa reports.

April 23rd. — Liaison groups hold short sessions at Panmunjom. "No ill treatment has been reported by prisoners from the Commonwealth forces so far returned to us," reads official statement from British Commonwealth authorities at Freedom Village, Korea; state prisoners have apparently been as well treated as Chinese facilities as well treated as Chinese facilities permitted. Communist announce number of prisoners to be released will be increased from original 605. NATO Council, meeting in Paris, report plans to bolster air defences. British 13-man Everest expedition led by Col. John Hunt starts first stages of planned ascent. UN assembly votes for investigation of germ warfare charges. Indignation reported in London over announcement that U.S. Defence Department rejected all fence Department rejected all bids for electrical equipment for Chief Joseph dam; British firm lowest ten-der by \$1,000,000. Eisenhower states if new and favorable bid submitted,

British will get contract.

April 24th. — Highest of all orders British will get contact.

April 24th. — Highest of all orders of chivalry, "Order of the Garter" bestowed by Queen on "Sir Winston" Churchill. Whole issue of German referred in air when Churchill. Whole issue of German re-armament left dangling in air when Bonn upper house votes 20 to 18 to delay ratification of European army treaty until West German supreme court rules on Socialist objections on constitution grounds. At Panmunjom, UN urges indefinite extension of exchange of sick and wounded prisoners. Seven Africans convicted of Mau-Mau slaying of British farmer last January, sentenced to death. Manitoba elec-tions to be held June 8th. (Nova Scotia to vote May 26th, B.C. June

Ex-Albertan Represents CBC in Europe



Former steel worker in a plant in Calgary, Alberta, Andrew Cowan (above), the C.B.C.'s European repre-sentative whose broadcasts are among the most informative and well-balanced received by listeners in Canada, has a varied background of experience that must serve him well. He gave up his Calgary job to attend Glasgow University, where he graduated with first-class honors. His summers in Scotland he spent on the river Clyde as purser of a small steamer.

Later he became part of a government commission making a survey of the Highlands. Following a brief stay in London, he won a Commonwealth Fellowship to study in the United States. He joined the CBC in 1940 and after three years in Canada, was on his way overseas again as a war cor-respondent. His present job requires him to organize and co-ordinate CBC broadcasts originating in Europe.

April 25th. — U.S.S.R. is ready for "business-like discussions" of outstanding problems, states **Pravda.** Army club bombed, Buenos Aires. Bonn government agrees to contribute \$211 millions a month to NATO. U.S. Senator Wayne Morris makes record long speech in fight against removal of tidewater oils from Federal to State control — and exploitation by private ownership. Burmese not satisfied with UN resolution; will demand UN sanctions against Chinese Nationalists unless all troops removed from Burma by September.

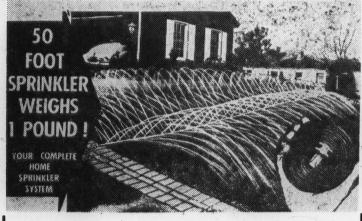
April 26th. — De Gaulle loses strength in French municipal elections, Communists hold their own, moderate and right-wing groups gain. Tehran reports finding of body of Mossadegh's national chief of police, who disappeared six days ago; government charges opponents with assassination. Trygve Lie, in farewell broadcast, says compromise necessary for abolition of war, lessening pov-erty throughout world.

April 27th. — At Panmunjom, U.S. military men (UN spokesmen) reject Communist proposal for prisoner exchange. Communists state present change. Communists state present total of 684 ends return of sick and wounded. New Delhi despatch tells of plans for five-year barter agreement with Russia, by which India would take a million tons of wheat a year. At Newcastle, England, former Jap-held prisoners of war protest

proposed civic reception for Akihito.

April 28th. — U.S. negotiators at
Panmunjom threaten to call off truce talks unless new proposals are forth-coming from Communists. Vietnimh forces advance towards capital of Laos (province of Indo-China). Molo-tov states Russia favors five-power

peace pact
April 29th. — At Panmunjom, Communists propose war prisoners in Korea not wishing repatriation be sent to a neutral country in Asia; believed India may be decided upon.



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## Co-ops Are Human

By BREEN MELVIN

HE slogan "Co-ops are people" is familiar to everyone in the Co-operative Movement. Almost every convention, every piece of literature, every film proclaims this basic truth in one form or another. The dominance of the human element in co-operative enterprise is its distinguishing

#### Pattern of Growth

Composed, as they are, of people, co-operatives inevitably reflect their characteris-tics. They follow a pattern of growth similar to that of the individual. Struggling for existence at the start, co-ops must devote their energies to the task of keeping alive. Like an infant, the new society concentrates on those activities which will contribute to its physical growth.

Grown somewhat older, most humans pass through a stage of rather querulous self-expression. Those adolescents resent interference from others, especially if they are of the same family, and constantly seek ways of establishing their own independence. All the while they are unconsciously dependent on family and community solidarity for support whenever threatened beyond their own power to resist.

Often Prefers to "Go It Alone"

So with the co-operative that is becoming established within the community. Proud of its achievements and conscious of its growing strength, it may tend to be resentful of criticism and suggestion, however friendly. ism and suggestion, however friendly. Co-operative enough within its own organization, it prefers "to go it alone" amongst kindred associations. Yet when threatened by external forces its dependence upon the support of groups with similar aims is plainly evident.

This maturation process, as the educationist calls it, reaches its culmination in the well-adjusted individual who feels completely at home in his

tion in the well-adjusted individual who feels completely at home in his community. His mature personality finds expression in friendly, constructive relationships with his fellow citizens. Differences of color or creed do not assume an importance beyond their actual significance. Possessed of a philosophy of life based on wide experience, the mature adult is adaptable to changing circumstances and able to changing circumstances and not easily thrown into confusion.

### Many Are Mature

Co-operatives, too, can be mature. Indeed many are. Like the mature folks among their membership these societies enjoy good relations with others in the community. Their dealings with their employees are on an informed, progressive level. Aware that the people who work for them are also human beings who face a variety of problems, such co-ops make every reasonable effort to recognize the vital role which they play in the

### Conserving Machinery

The latest in the Bank of Montreal's series of farm booklets, "Keep Them Running", is written by E. A. Hardy of the University of Saskatchewan and L. G. Heimpel, for many years on the staff of Macdonald College Cuebes. Dealing with the conlege, Quebec. Dealing with the conservation of farm machinery, the booklet, like its predecessors, contains a large proportion of cartoons and diagrams.

### **Author Is National** Secretary of CUC

Formerly assistant secretary to A. B. McDonald, who was for many years the National Secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, the author of the article on this page was named acting secretary upon Mr. Mc-Donald's death last year, and at the Annual Congress of the Union held early this year in Edmonton, he was appointed to the important office of National Secretary. We appreciate the opportunity to publish this thoughtful and suggestive article by Mr. Breen, whose energy and organizing ability have won recognition in the movement.

successful operation of the business. Conflicts of interest arise from time to time, but they are resolved through honest, sincere exchange of opinion and discussion.

Co-operatives that have outgrown their adolescence welcome contacts with other members of the co-op fam-They are prepared to discuss common problems and give tangible support to organizations and prosupport to organizations and programs whose purpose is the advancement of the whole movement. Experience has taught them that no group can live successfully unto itself.

This concern for the common wel-fare carries over into relationships with other sectors of society. Aware of the forces which make for progress in the community, these co-ops can in the community, these co-ops can recognize other groups that are fol-lowing somewhat different paths to the same goal londing the same goal, lending and receiving support when the going is rough.

Good relationships of the type described above between individuals

and between groups result from the possession of a constructive philosophy of life and a keen sense of purpose. Clearly aware of its objectives pose. Clearly aware of its objectives and of the reasons for its existence, a co-operative is able to deal with its day-to-day problems with skill and equanimity. Shaken from this foundation, it easily assumes a defensive position, unthinking and critical of others.

Adaptability to Change

Adaptability to change is another characteristic which comes of the recognition of a clear purpose. Somewhat paradoxical as it may seem, the person or institution that is definitely committed to an overriding principle is the one that can most readily accept change at the operational level. Such an individual or society can dis-cern between principle and practice, safeguarding the former when it may be threatened and modifying the latter in the interest of efficiency and service.

The co-operative movement in Canada has grown tremendously during the past fifty years. Starting from a tiny beginning, the number of socie-ties has increased to 2,768, while the total volume of business has grown to exceed one billion dollars a year. to exceed one billion dollars a year. In terms of physical development the maturation process has gone on apace. Has it been as rapid within that less tangible but equally important area of interrelations between co-ops themselves and between co-ops and other groups in the community?

# **SECURITY - PENSION**

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### Compulsory Delivery of

With the recent announcement by the Yugoslav Government that wool has been placed on the free market-ing list, the whole system of compulsory delivery of farm products to the Government is ended, states Foreign Crops and Markets. It was begun shortly after the end of World War II, but some products were re-moved from control about two years ago. Some industrial crops, however, including tobacco and cotton, may only be grown under contract with the Government.

### Pension Forms Ready

Farm Products Ended

According to Welfare Minister Halmrast, application forms for the new disability pensions should be ready today (May 1st). They can be paid to persons 21 years or over who have lived in Alberta ten years. There is a means test. According is a means test.

### FOR RASPBERRY GROWERS

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### FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

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### A Visit to a Chinchilla Ranch

Dear Farm Women:

I have just come from a visit to a ranch where I went because I thought I might see something that would be of interest to you.

Now a ranch, to a great many of us, brings a thought of acres and acres of land rolling into the distance. This was quite different, although "ranch" is the term applied to such a place. We walked up the driveway to a nearby house in the village with other houses on either side on their respecbut I might say it was not a cattle P.S.—
transh; it was a chinchilla ranch.

A Very Critical Hour
We arrived at a very critical time.

for one of the mothers had just had her three babies, a very average litter, and one was hovering between life and death; in fact it seemed much nearer the latter. Our hostess had a box on the open oven lid where she put it when she was not stroking it with her finger and working to try and

open its eyes.

The weight was not a burden, as it was less than an ounce probably, as the usual weight at birth is from one to one and a half ounces. The period of gestation is 111 days. These bables had arrived a trifle too soon, which accounted for the condition of this one, but our hostess had to get it to open its eyes lest pus form and go to the brain, which would mean certain death.

Our hostess was most absorbed in her work and naturally so. In addi-tion to the pleasure which many of us have realized in helping a calf or a lamb in the first questionable hours of its life, there is in this instance a great financial interest. I believe the highest price paid for a pair in Van-

highest price paid for a pair in Vancouver was \$750.00.

Developing a Breeding Supply
As yet, I might say that the entire stock in Canada — and I believe largely in the United States — is taken up with selling chinchillas for breeding purposes and not for their pelts. The number is so limited that to develop a breeding supply is most to develop a breeding supply is most important. The animals are inspected by a Federal Government man twice by a rederal Government man twice a year and graded as to conformation and as to fur — its texture, color, uniformity of color pattern and dens-ity of under fur, which is so very thick. In addition there are a few lengthy guard hairs.

This woman had one room on the

first floor and another in the base-ment given over to the chinchilla pens, and it might be interjected here that there seems to be absolutely no that there seems to be absolutely no odor from the chinchillas, as they are yery clean little things. It was not bath time when we were there, but our hostess put the "bath tub" in one cage to see what the little creature would do. It most obligingly took a bath. The bath tub, I might say, was a small tin with a special kind of grey sand and the bath consisted in tumning into it and giving a hasty jumping into it and giving a hasty dusting.

Two Litters a Year

Two Litters a Year
The chinchillas average about two
litters a year, and certainly the upkeep is not great considering the tiny
amount of hay and the special pellets
fed to them. I must confess that it
would seem rather nerve-wracking to
me to have quite as much capital
tied up in such small creatures.
Our hostess, however, was most enthusiastic over them, and much pre-

Comox, B.C. them to some of her house chores. Very, very pretty were the little grey creatures, and our hostess continued to enthuse over their being such good mothers, so clean, so amusing, something that added tremendously to her life.

It takes some 100 to 150 pelts to make a coat (so beautiful and so light), I believe. Lily Pons had one that cost \$75,000, so I question if very many of you have one, even if the crop is good and the oil flows freely.

Yours sincerely, H. ZELLA SPENCER. Next morning. I called up to enquire for the patient, and it is progressing favorably. Of course it has meant feeding it with an eye-dropper.

### FARM HOME & GARDEN

Wash House Plants by spraying with slightly warmed water from a small fly sprayer.

Apple Crisp: Four cups sliced apples; place in buttered casserole, add ½ cup hot water. Cream together ½ cup each sugar, flour and butter, and crumble over apples; sprinkle nutmeg over all. Bake in hot oven until apples are tender and top brown.

Cream Cakes: Beat together 2 eggs, % cup sugar, % cup heavy cream; add 1 cup flour sifted with 2 tsp. baking powder. Bake in patty pans, about 10 minutes in hot oven. Slice tops off, spread with raspberry jam and whipped cream; replace tops.

Sweet and Sour Cabbage: Melt 2 tbs. butter in saucepan, add 2 tbs. minced onion, and cook about 2 minminced onion, and cook about 2 minutes; add half a medium-sized head
of red or white cabbage, finely
shredded, 1 tsp. salt and 2 tbs. hot
water; cover and cook over low heat,
stirring occasionally, until tender;
add 4 cup chopped sweet gherkins
and 1 tbs. vinegar. Serve hot.

Lattice Rhubarb Pie: Combine Lattice Rhubarb Pie: Combine 2 well-beaten eggs, 1% cups sugar, % cup enriched flour, % tsp. salt, 4 cups finely sliced rhubarb. Arrange in pie shell, dot with butter. Cover with 1-inch strips of thin pastry, in lattice design. Bake in hot oven 15 minutes, reduce heat to moderate for 30 minutes longer,

Chicken Pineapple Souffle Salad: Dissolve 1 package lime-flavored jelly powder in 1 cup hot water; add ½ cup cold water, 2 tbsp. vinegar, ½ cup mayonnaise and ½ tsp. salt. Beat thoroughly. Chill until partly set, then beat with rotary beater until fluffy; fold in 1½ cups diced chicken, ½ cup diced celery and 3 slices diced canned pineapple. Chill until firm; unmold and garnish with salad greens.

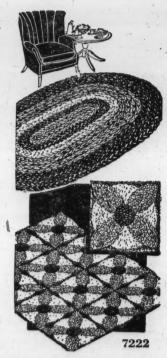
Ice Cream: Soak 2 tsp. gelatine in 2 tbsp. cold water, add syrup made of ½ cup sugar and ¼ cup water; cool, then add 1 cup milk, 2 beaten eggs, a pinch of salt and 1 tsp. vanilla. Freeze in freezing compartment of refrigerator until mushy, remove and beat well, add 2 cups cream, whipped, and freeze until firm.

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Gwynne F.W.U.A. recently arranged to sponsor a three-day sewing course.

Fairview F.W.U.A. arranged recently to contribute the lunch for a Red Cross benefit dance.

Park Grove F.W.U.A. (Vegreville) delegated their secretary, Mrs. W. Ziegler, to attend the Leadership

A shower for "our newest bride," Mrs. David Gray, was arranged re-cently by Pollockville F.W.U.A., reports secretary, Mrs. Keyte.

Mrs. L. Sammons, secretary of Glei-chen F.W.U.A., writes that members enjoyed an illustrated lecture on tree planting, by Mr. Hargraves, of Brooks.

Red Cross wool was distributed to members of Veteran F.W.U.A., recently reorganized, writes Mrs. F. Stand, secretary; Mrs. Healy is president.

Mrs. W. J. Edmunds writes that Royce F.W.U.A. cleared \$62.80 from their pie social and dance, raffle of a quilt bringing in an additional

District Economist Miss Shatz gave an inspiring address on "Safety in the tunity to read this excellent Home" to a recent meeting of Three book.

Hills F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. A. J. Cameron.

Mrs. Fred Empey reports that Swalwell F.W.U.A. recently voted \$15 to the A.C.W.W. conference fund, \$5 to the Incurables Association and \$5 to the F.U.A. Building Fund.

Willingdon East F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. Ittody, recently voted \$10 each to the Red Cross, Cancer Society and the local Hospital Aid, and \$25 to the F.U.A. Building Fund.

In aid of the Unitarian Service Committee's work for needy children overseas, Spruceville F.W.U.A. are taking up a ten-cent collèction at each meeting, writes Mrs. J. C. Kasha.

Heath F.W.U.A. recently appointed representatives to work with a committee arranging a Farmers' Day gram, and with a Legion committee ciencies. Any humane person on improvement of the local cemetery, writes Mrs. E. Murray, secretary.

A very interesting talk on planting and care of perennials, by Harvey Al-len, of Lacombe Experimental Farm, was enjoyed by a recent meeting of

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### News of Women's Locals An Anglican Scholar on Divorce Law Reform

Review by W. KENT POWER, Q.C.

N admirable exposition of a most vital and topical subject, published early this year, has just come to hand. "Canada's Need for Divorce Law Reform," by the Rev. C. Bernard Reynolds, M.A., B.D., of Vancouver, B.C., is small in format (the book can be carried in the pocket), but it is mighty in content and should be so in influence, especially as it is the work of a Biblical scholar, a clergyman of the Anglican church who was for many years a lecturer at the Anglican Theological College of British Columbia.

#### Subject of F.W.U.A. Study

Reform in divorce law has been the subject of study by the Farm Women's Union of Alberta for some years. understand that at more than one of their conventions members of this organization have asked that Parliament grant the Four Western Provinces, at least, a new Divorce Law, and that at their last convention grounds upon which in their judgment divorces should be obtainable were set forth. It has occurred to me that many of your readers, therefore, may be glad of an oppor-

The title page describes the work as "a presentation of the case for the Divorce Reform League of British Columbia." The author has fulfilled that task thoroughly and competently.

#### Gist of Appeal

nolds' appeal can be said to be time." expressed in the following sentences: "... citizens cannot be absolved from their twofold responsibilities of (1) insisting upon sound legislation and thorough law enforcement, and (2) providing for the relief of innocent persons in distress by reason of present legal defi-

Eclipse F.W.U.A. (Joffre), writes Mrs. J. Duffy, the secretary.

Mrs. D. Rattray, Jr., was hostess to obtainable from the author's Sydenham F.W.U.A. (Wainwright) address, 3835 West 15th Ave., for the April meeting. Mrs. C. Borch writes that it was decided to work Vancouver, B.C. Price \$1.75. with neighboring Locals in planning for Farmers' Day, to make it a "real holiday."

Beddington F.W.U.A. have for several years held joint meetings with the Ladies' Aid, writes Mrs. Bushfield, secretary. Each group has a separate business session. Bazaars and entertainments are also held jointly, profits being shared equally.

The April meeting of High River F.W.U.A. writes Mrs. Wake. secretary, had an attendance of only 26, due to had an attendance of only 20, due to bad roads. A donation was voted to the High River Library, and Mrs. F. Fraser gave some of the highlights of the recent two-day course in the Memorial Centre.

Problems of education were discussed by A. Carlyle in a recent address to Rose Leaf F.W.U.A. (Sylvan Lake), reports Mrs. W. Dickering, the secretary. Donations were voted to the Cancer Society, the Red Cross, the Crippled Children's Hospital, A.C.W.W. Fund, and Regional Library.

### Build Co-operatives in Midst of Racial Strife

NAIROBI, Kenya, — In the midst of the inter-racial strife and Mau-Mau terrorism in this country, constructive efforts to improve the lot of the native people are being carried on. One of them is the East African School of Co-operation, at Jeanes school, near here, sponsored jointly by the Co-operative Departments of Governments Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.

Long courses in community development are given, shorter courses are given to chiefs, counsellors, farmers, trainers, and to travelling in-spectors of the native co-operatives. Students buy their own books; all other expenses, including travelling expenses, are borne by the three governments concerned.

who becomes acquainted with the facts realizes that steps must be taken to relieve a deplorable condition. Rescue work is long overdue. Callous indifference to the sufferings Perhaps the gist of Mr. Rey- of others is inhuman at any

> The author wisely divides his book into two parts, since, as he says, Part II, which deals with Biblical exegesis and ecclesiastical history, may seem tedious to some readers. He and the League might well consider the advisability of publishing Part I separately. It, at least, should be in the hands of everyone interested in this long overdue reform.

The book, of 386 pages, is

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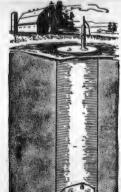
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authority on divorce law. He is well known in legal circles, in Canada and abroad, as editor and author. Readers will remember the important series of articles from his pen which of articles from his pen which we had the privilege of publishing a few years ago. In these, Mr. Power set forth the case for a new Divorce Law for the four Western Provinces, which the Canadian Parliament has power to enact.

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F.U.A. COURSE (Continued from Page 3)

surer, etc., were discussed and explained, while in the public speaking plained, while in the public speaking ducted a questionnaire on the plans after preliminary lectures were given for the future of leadership courses. on how to speak from the platform, each candidate was assigned a topic on which he was to give a two to four the written answers will be analyzed by on which he was to give a two to four the executive. One suggestion was minute address to his class. These that outside inspirational speakers be talks were recorded during the speech dispensed with, so that more time

### CORRECTION

Canada's fist spotting tower (at Canada's list spotting tower (at Alvinston) illustrated in our last is-sue, is of course in Western Ontario. Through a typographical error this appeared as "Western Canada."

and were later played back to the small group, when they were constructively criticised. It was quite a novelty hearing the voices "out of the air" for the first time.

Saskatchewan Visitor

Olaf Turnbull of Kindersley, Saskat-chewan, represented the Farmers Union Council. He felt the Farm Un-ions were gradually gaining the con-fidence of the Government and International groups, and cited the consideration their representative to the International Wheat Agreement was tendered, although he was not an official delegate, but an observor. He said the reason the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union withdrew from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture was because they were not an ex-clusive producer group but also represented consumers.

#### Executive to Analyze Answers

The last afternoon, Mrs. Taylor conducted a questionnaire on the plans

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The Wheat Situation

By E. PATCHING Alberta Wheat Pool

A new International Wheat Agreement has been drawn up after over two months' negotiation at the Wash ington conference. The new pact is to be for a three-year period and to cover the sale of 595.5 million bushels annually, (including the U.K. quota). The ceiling price has been set at \$2.05 a bushel and the floor at \$1.55. After making allowance for the carrying charge which is added to the ceiling price in the present agreement, the new ceiling is up 19 cents a bushel.

All of the exporting countries and and the exporting countries and most of the importers have signed the pact, the notable exception being the United Kingdom. The pact is to become operative when countries representing 50 per cent or more of the guaranteed quantities sign. This minimum has already been surpassed.

### U.K. World's Largest Importer

The United Kingdom is the world's largest importing nation and had been given a quota of 177 million bushels. Failure of that country to enter the pact is a matter of particular concern pact is a matter of particular concern to Western grain producers, many of whom would have preferred that country to be in even if the ceiling was five cents a bushel less. During the past few years that country has taken over 100 million bushels of wheat annually from Canada.

World wheat supplies are exceptionally large at the present time and the marketing outlook is not particularly encouraging. On March 1st the four

encouraging. On March 1st the four major exporting nations — the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina — were holding 1,462 million bushels of wheat over and above their denocation or the balance. domestic requirements for the balance of the year. This is 66 per cent higher than at the same time last year. Overall supplies in these countries for the 1952-53 crop year which were available for export or carryover amounted to 1,913 million bushels which is likely an all-time record.

#### U.S. Surplus Mounting

The crop outlook in the United States has improved considerably over last fall and it is now quite conceivable that the 1953 crop may top the billion bushel mark.—In the face of this mounting surplus the United States government has indicated that it may be forced to adopt marketing quotas and acreage allotments for the

1954 crop. Under such conditions agreement taking in the major importing and exporting nations is vital to the welfare of Western Canada's grain producers. Without an agreement and close government superand close government vision cutthroat competition between exporters would soon develop and a price collapse, such as have occurred in the past in times of surplusses, would be a probability.

could be given to classroom exercises. To this one lady replied, "How can To this one lady replied, "How can we become leaders if we are not well informed on these broader subjects?"

It was unanimously agreed that a wonderful job had been done by the committee, speakers, and teachers, and that full co-operation had been given by the candidates, which included about one-third men, one-third women and one-third juniors.

> OTTAWA LETTER (Continued from Page 1)

and Canada in the future. Exports (of all kinds) to Great Britain in 1952 showed a substantial increase in both value and volume over the year before. They reached a total of \$745 million, the highest figure in the past five years. The value of food products exported to Britain in 1952 was, as stated, the highest in any peace-time year. Recently Britain bought time year.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, April 29th.

Hogs sold yesterday \$29.25 to
\$8.00, sows \$16.50, good lambs \$28.
Good to choice butcher steers \$18.75
to \$20, down to \$15 for medium; good choice butcher \$15.75 to choice butcher heifers \$18 to \$19; good cows \$14 to \$15, good to near choice fed calves \$18.50 to \$19.50; good stocker and feeder steers \$17 to 18 50

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS. 27th— Handy weight steers of medium to good quality at the close of the week rated \$16.50 to \$18.50, with heifers in these brackets selling about \$1 below these figures. Good butcher cows rated about \$12.50 to \$14, which was also the range on good bologna bulls. Good light stocker steers brought \$16.50 to \$17.50; hogs closed at \$27.50, Grade A, for coast shipment.

Egg and Poultry Market

Egg prices to producers, locally, remain at: A large 38, medium 36, small 32; B's are 32 and C's 24. Dressed chicken are: 2-3 lbs., A 42, B 36 and C 20; under 4 lbs., 39 down to 17. Dressed fowl are: under 4 lbs., 27 down to 13; 4-5 lbs., 32 down to 18; over 5 lbs., 34 down to 20.

### The Dairy Market

There was no change in local prices to producers of dairy products in the past two weeks. Special cream is 59, No. 1 is 57, No. 2 is 48, and off-grade Prints, wholesale, are 50.

\$41/4 million worth of canned salmon, thus reducing the carryover of last year's heavy catch. Britain also pur-chased 5½ million pounds of cheese, chassed 5% million pounds of cheese, cleaning up all the surplus at the time. In 1952 the British bought 706 thousand bushels of apples out of the 1951 crop at \$1,581,000, and this year there is no surplus.

### U.K. Will Be Buying From Us

What about wheat? Last year, Mr. C. D. Howe pointed out, Canada had the largest crop in its history, and the two years before the crops were good. Selling has not presented a problem, but transportation has. If more wheat were available at seahoard we could sell more. One of board, we could sell more. One of the most "crippling things" that has happened to the wheat selling has been the elevator strike on the West coast. The discussion on the International Wheat Agreement will be held some time in the week, but the minister of trade and commerce pointed out "whether or not the United Kingdom accedes to the agreement she will still be buying wheat in Canada as she has in the past".

In relation to the balancing of trade with the United Kingdom, or at any rate increasing imports from that country, the minister said. "We do all we can to favor United Kingdom goods in this market." The financial position of Britain has strengthened. This is a step in the direction of ultimate convertibility of sterling.

The United Kingdom is making progress in opening up markets here, particularly for manufactured goods which Britain is best able to sell. Deliveries, an important factor, are Deliveries, an important factor, are improving. Getting sufficient representation in this country is important. Canada imports about \$600 million worth of equipment of which Britain should take an increasing share. Of war materials, orders amounting to about \$100 million have been placed in Britain been placed in Britain.



### These Holstein Bulls Are Worth \$9,000 Each



The two Holstein bulls shown above, Rockwood Rag Apple Revelation (left) and Houckholme Re-Echo Champion, were sold for \$9,000 each at the recent dispersal sale of S. B. Roman, King, Ontario. Revelation went to an Argentine buyer, and Champion to New York State. The \$9,000 figure was the highest price paid for a Holstein in Canada since the fall of 1951.Average was \$784, highest dispersal sale average in Canada since 1950. Spectators at the sale were Libby Gardon (left) and Joan Haughian, Toronto. Revelation is a brother of both Grand Champions at the Royal last fall while Champion is a son of the Canadian Champion yearly milk producer.

### U.S. Farmer "in Danger who writes regularly upon national policies and problems. Mr. Catton's opinion is not necessarily that of all who are concerned about the future Won in Last 20 Years"

### Writer Believes New Policies Will Benefit Speculators and Middlemen

"Farm programs hereafter may benefit grain speculators, cotton trad-ers, middlemen of high and low de-gree. The farmer himself is in dan-

gree. The farmer himself is in dan-ger of losing all he has won in the last twenty years."

This opinion is expressed in The Notion of New York of recent date, by Bruce Catton, its Washington correspondent, a journalist and historian

of U.S. agriculture, but is a point of view worth recording.

#### "Spur of Insecurity"

Mr. Catton states that the program will be run by men "who do not particularly believe in price supports," including Secretary Benson, who "avowedly believes that men get along best when they feel the spur of insecurity, which seems to mean that the farmer should never be quite certain that he won't go broke and lose his farm by fall."

Secretary Benson, states the writer, "has gathered about him men feel much the same way. The farm committee system is likely to go, and The farm with it the payments of a quarter of a billion dollars a year for proper soil conservation practices. A harder dollar and a tightening of farm credit are in prospect."

#### Fall in Farm Prices and Incomes

This, writes Catton, could be very serious, as "farm prices and incomes have been going down for quite a time; as good a Republican as Senator Thye of Minnesota has said that 1951 and 1952 were the farmer's most difficult years since 1939. Net income for 1953 will be off still more.

"The industrial boom hurts the farmer as much as it helps him. He has to compete with the giant indus-tries for many of his basic supplies, and he goes on a cash basis into a market where prices are pretty well rigged. In one year the farmers use as much rubber and steel as the automobile industry uses in all its pas-senger cars. The defence economy creating relative scarcities in every thing he buys and putting no floor under his income.

"As a result, it takes a fair amount of capital to be a farmer these days—at least \$50,000, the National Farmers Union estimates. And since the average farmer needs a considerable period to lay that much capital aside from his yearly profits, the matter of farm credit is vital.

### Mild Decline Could Ruin Farmer

"A heavy purchaser of necessities ranging from tractors to insecticides, the farmer could be ruined by a comparatively mild drop in farm prices if reasonable credit were not available to him." Mr. Catton predicts that not much credit will in future be made available from the Farm Credit Administration to the farmers

who need it most.

Head of the farm price support agencies is Jehn H. Davis of the National Weel Marketing Corperation ef Boston, who has declared that the present price-support program "lacks

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realism", and that much government buying of farm commodities, to quote Mr. Davis, "could be handled more efficiently through commercial market channels."

ket channels."

Mr. Catton writes that the farm committee system, "one of the most interesting parts of the whole farm program, was the mechanism, almost entirely controlled by the farmers themselves, through which, when necessary, the production quota system was extended to the individual farms, and through which also farmers were induced to practice soil conservation. servation.

### Soil Conservation Program

"The soil conservation program has "The soil conservation program has been immensely important, not only for its long-term benefits, but because it has added approximately a quarter of a billion dollars annually to the farm income. The payments made under it have gone chiefly to small farmers." They have been denounced by Secretary Benson on the ground that they pay the farmer to do what he ought to do anyway. "It is a question," comments Mr. Catton, "whether the average farmer can afford to do it without help, but per-

ton, "whether the average farmer can afford to do it without help, but perhaps that isn't germane."

"Strangely lacking in dirt farmers and heavily weighted with processors," is Mr. Catton's description of the Agricultural Advisory Committee set up by Mr. Benson. "Jesse Tapp, vice-president of the Bank of America, is generally considered its most liberal member. Dean W. I. Myers of Corporations, is one of the most conservative men in America where farm corporations, is one of the most con-servative men in America where farm matters are concerned." Among other members are the president of the American Meat Institute, a seed dealer, banker and corporation direc-

dealer, banker and corporation director, and a member of the textile industry advisory council, who is also general manager of the Cotton Producers' Association of Atlanta.

The new Under-Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, True D. Morse, was chairman of a committee whose principal aim was to "kill price controls on meat" states Mr. Catton, who concludes, after quoting names of some others who are concerned in the working out of farm policy for the administration, that "control over the nation's farm policies and programs is being taken from the farm-

#### Consumer Index Lowest Since 1951, Announced

Ottawa, Ont. — The Canadian consumer, price index fell 0.6 per cent from 115.5 at February 2nd to 114.8 at March 2nd, to reach the lowest level since 1951, according to a recent re-lease of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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### AND By SYDNEY MAY

Hellor Folks!

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says it couldn't have been a blacksmith who married all those couples at Gretna Green. Nope, says she, he must have been a joiner.

At this writing our old friend and contributor, Volodimir Barabash, is still confined to hospital, although we understand he has been "bolted" together again.

Volly's accident occurred while he was riding a bicycle, but as he's now dashing around the ward in a wheel chair, we presume we can say he's still wheeling.

And dashing is right, for in between times he has been dashing off stuff for this column — both grave and gay — but then he always was a dashing kind of chap. At least that's what the pin-up gals tell us.

hospital hospitalies:

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The lily and the rose meet at love's feast. And when a poet dies he leaves this

world As pure and innocent as God's own priest.

BLUE EYES BE TRUE

(To Josie)
The world is sick of so much hate — Cive lovel
Too many in this world are false — Be true!

It matters not wherever I may go color of your eyes stays always blue.

ATOM AGE (Up and Atom)

What now follow are some of his In this world of dizzy madness, ospital hospitalies:

\* \* \* With its never ending strife,
We shall put our faith in Atom,
And live the atomic life.

Farewell to "Old Man Worry", Goodbye poverty and ills. We will fill our cars with atoms, And ourselves with atom pills.

Let dictators pounce upon us With their diabolic skill, We will arm ourselves with atoms, And resist their evil will.

We will live in life by atom,
And by atom we will die;
Then we mount upon the atom,
And by atom speed on high.
—Volodimir Barabash.

More by Brother Barabash in our next issue.

ADDLED AXIOMS A hitch in time saves a shotgun wedding.

News item reports that a boy was fined \$25 and severely reprimanded for twice releasing the dogs from the Revelstoke Pound. We'll bet that boy thought the magistrate's bite was worse than his bark. As the pound-keeper had to round up the dogs for the third time, he probably concluded that the whole business was just a dog-gone nuisance.

1953 VERSION A dollar saved is a quarter earned.

Down in those grand old United States, a man who has just died at the age of 96 claimed that he drank a bottle of whiskey each day for more than twenty years. Proving, as they'd say up Edmonton way, it's bound to get you in the end.

New York art critic declares that more meaning can be got from some modern paintings by hanging them sideways or upside down. And our office cynic says: And more meaning can be got from some modern poems by reading them backwards.

Calgary Herald headline claims that Newfoundlanders are "in a stew" over the 24th of May. Old timers can re-member that if the kids didn't get a holiday on the Queen's birthday they simply ran away, which seems a more sensible idea than getting in a stew.

### SO SAY WE

Mary of Carbon says "you can't take the people of South Africa seriously who think one race is better than another, because you can easily see that they are simply coloring things." Certainly the recent election result is a cause for Malancholy.

Communication from Mister Gloom says that things will seldom be as bad as you think, but eventually they will be much worse.

### NO, NO, NANETTE

Says Nan of Nanton, she's jolly glad to read that the government plans to help those who take a drink—alcoholics—because she had to forego her bottle last Christmas due to N.S.F.

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Ah, Francoise Villon cried in verse:

"Where are the snows of yester-year?"

Let me reply in manner terse, He could not have been living near

Alberta; for it would appear They still are here!

Says the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, the high prices of MEAT prove that the world is out of JOINT.

### SPRING HAS CAME!

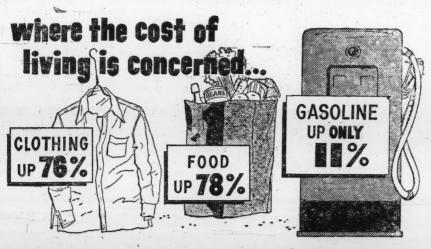
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### "Summer Fallow" Heads Awards Won by CBC in Recent U.S. Competition

To the Canadian Broadcasting Cor-poration has come the distinction of winning ten awards—five first awards and five honorable mentions — in the Seventeenth American Annual Ex-hibition of Educational Radio Programs.

hibition of Educational Radio Programs.

First on the list of honors is "Summer Fallow," the sequence of plays and documentaries, for "effectively interpreting rural problems in an entertaining manner for the urban as well as the rural audience." Other firsts are "Return Journey", a series on the rehabilitation of alcoholics, for "a superb production of high dramatic appeal without sacrifice of integrity or authenticity"; "Cross Section," on aspects of Canadian industrial life: a one-occasion broadcast, "Her Majesty the Queen," marking the Queen's birthday; and "The Prairie Gardener." Comment was made by an official of Ohio University on the "high proportion of awards to Canadian programs" in the category of programs heard nationally.

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We have therefore in the public interest concluded that we ought not longer to impose our opinion on the public by holding to it steadfastly. The purpose of this communication is to advise you that the employers concerned are therefore now willing to submit all of the outstanding issues between themselves and their employees to a process of arbitration on the following terms:

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